

HSMHA Assigns Health Teams To U.S. Communities

Health manpower assistance from the National Health Service Corps will be given to 18 communities throughout the nation which have been designated as areas having critical health manpower shortages by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

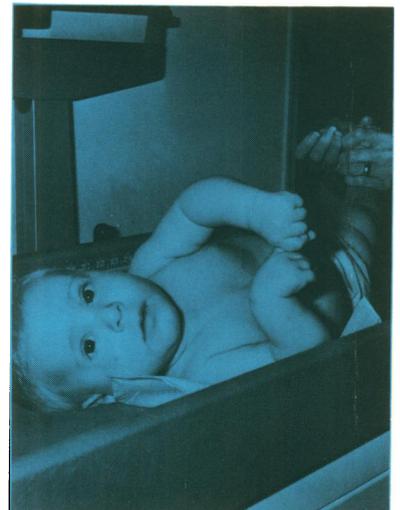
According to Dr. Vernon E. Wilson, Administrator of the Health Services and Mental Health Administration, the communities are Jackman, Maine; Cato, N.Y.; South Bronx, N.Y.; Rochester, N.Y.; South Bronx (Lincoln Hospital), N.Y.; Snow Shoe, Pa.; Glenville, W. Va.; Immokalee, Fla.; Leslie County, Ky.; Belle Glade, Fla.; Tuskegee, Ala.; Chicago, Ill.; Menominee County, Wis.; New Orleans, La.; Center, Colo.; Sacramento County (Isleton and Rio Linda), Calif.; Livingston, Calif.; and Federal Way (Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington, Inc.), Wash.

The National Health Service Corps, a unit of the Health Services and Mental Health Administration, was created December 31, 1970, when President Nixon signed the Emergency Health Personnel Act. The Act enables the Corps to make primary health care services available to residents of inner cities or remote rural areas. Dr. H. McDonald Rimple is Interim Director of the Corps.

Health teams were placed in two areas in 1971—Jackman, Maine, in September and Immokalee, Fla., in November. The teams consist of commissioned officers and civil service personnel of the Public Health Service. Physicians, dentists, nurses, and supporting health professionals are being assigned according to local needs and types of health personnel available within the communities.

“The National Health Service Corps program,” Dr. Wilson stated, “is not meant to deal with the problem of the overall shortage of physicians and other health personnel in the United States but it does enable us to alleviate some of the more acute health manpower problems in certain communities.”

Cover—Baby being checked in Tennessee health center. Of 74,027 apparently well children under age 6 brought to rural health clinics in the State, 18 percent were anemic. A paper describing the extent of iron and vitamin C and D deficiencies, treatment, benefits, and costs starts on page 232. Photo by Robert H. Hutcheson, Jr., M.D.



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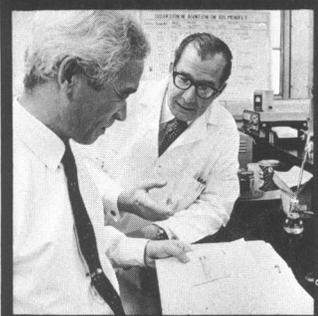
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